

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the specification and claims and the remarks presented herein.

The claims in the application are claims 1 to 11, 13 to 15, 19 and 20, all other claims having been cancelled.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure since he was of the opinion that the word “echinocandin” was misspelled and that isomer B did not have the same number of left brackets and right brackets. Claims 15, 19 and 20 were rejected on the same basis.

Applicants respectfully traverse this since isomer B on page 11 does have the equal number of brackets left and right. Claim 15 has been amended to correct that. The spelling of “echinocandin” has been corrected. Therefore, this ground of objection has been overcome.

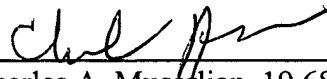
Claims 1 to 7, 11, 13 and 14 were rejected as being indefinite in the definition of “R” since the Examiner deemed it was unclear. Claim 13 was rejected as lacking a limitation for the substituent in line 2.

Applicants respectfully traverse these grounds of rejection. Claim 13 has been corrected so that it now recites $-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}_2$ which is supported in claim 1. Moreover, a period has been placed at the end of claim 13. In addition, to clarify claim 1, Applicants have inserted small letters with brackets to clarify the same. Therefore, the amended claims are believed to properly define the invention and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Claim 1 to 11 and 13 were rejected as being anticipated by the Courtin et al patent since the English translation of the priority document had not been provided. Applicants are submitting herewith the English translation of the priority document so that the present application is entitled to the June 9, 1999 filing date in France and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is requested.

Applicants believe that the amendments to the specification and claims and the above remarks clearly point out Applicants' patentable contribution and favorable reconsideration of the application is requested.

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